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1. REFTEL A REQUESTED US VIEW ON DEBT RELIEF QUESTION
RAISED IN CIEC AND ON POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER SENIOR
OFFICIALS MEETING TO RESOLVE THE DEADLOCK OVER THE CIEC
COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMS. REFTEL B PROVIDES ANALYSIS OF
THE DEBT RELIEF ISSUE.

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2. AT THE CLOSE OF THE COMMISSION SESSIONS IN PARIS, THE TWO CIEC CO-CHAIRMEN (CANADIAN AND VENEZUELAN) AGREED TO CONSULT IN ORDER TO TRY TO RESOLVE THE IMPASSE. WE FAVOR THIS APPROACH. OUR REPRESENTATIONS IN CIEC CAPITALS HAVE STRESSED OUR SUPPORT FOR THE CANADIAN CO-CHAIRMAN AS G-8 REPRESENTATIVE IN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE G-19 ON THE ISSUE OF WORK PROGRAMS; WE INDICATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST HIM IN ANY MANNER HE DEEMS DESIRABLE. WE DO NOT THINK A NEW MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS WOULD BE USEFUL AT THIS TIME.

3. BEGIN FYI. THE G-19 WAS DISAPPOINTED AT ITS FAILURE TO GET THE SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING (JULY 8-10) TO

FORMULATE THE WORK PROGRAMS FOR THE COMMISSIONS FOR THE LAST HALF OF THE YEAR. G-19 MEMBERS APPEAR TO BELIEVE THAT POLITICAL LEVEL OFFICIALS IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WILL BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO LDC PRESSURE FOR CONCESSIONS THAN DC REPRESENTATIVES IN INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONS. THE HARD G-19 POSITION ON WORK PROGRAMS IN THE JULY COMMISSION SESSIONS MAY REFLECT A DECISION TO POLITICIZE THE DEBT RELIEF AND INDEXATION ISSUES IN ORDER TO FORCE HIGHER LEVEL DECISIONS ON THESE QUESTIONS IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY CAPITALS. IF THE G-8 POSITION ON NEUTRALLY-PHRASED WORK PROGRAMS HOLDS FIRM, WE CAN EXPECT INCREASING PRESSURE FROM THE G-19 FOR A SECOND SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING. AT SUCH A MEETING THE G-19 WOULD LIKELY ATTEMPT BRINKMANSHIP TACTICS TO TRY TO SPLIT G-8 SOLIDARITY ON THE DEBT RELIEF ISSUE AND FORCE G-8 CONCESSIONS. THUS, WE WANT TO AVOID SUCH A MEETING, IF POSSIBLE. END FYI. KISSINGER

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